

Application No. 09/715,766

REMARKS

Claims 3-8 and 18-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 9-17 have been canceled. Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 18, 19, and 20 have been amended. New independent claims 3 and 24 have been added. Support for these new claims can be found, for example, in connection with the description of Figs. 1 and 2. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumelsky et al (U.S. Patent 6,463,454 81). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has presented new independent claims 23 and 24 and amended claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 18, 19, and 20 that directly or indirectly depend from one of the newly added claims. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that Lumelsky et al. does not suggest or teach the subject matter of amended claims 23 and 24 and therefore these claims and the claims that directly or indirectly depend from these claims are neither anticipated nor obvious in light of Lumelsky thereby placing the claims in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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